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In re the Application of:

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For: LASER SCANNING MICROSCOPE WITH A NON-DESCANNED DETECTION AND/OR  
OBSERVATION BEAM PATH

***PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT***

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.